

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the specification:

Listing of Claims

1. (original claim) Tamsulosin hydrochloride characterised in that it comprises less than 0.1 % of overalkylated products.
2. (amended claim) Tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 or 2~~ wherein said overalkylated products are bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl substituted derivatives of 4-methoxy-3-sulphonamidobenzene-2-propanamine wherein additional (2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy) ethyl substituents are bound to the sulphonamide nitrogen atom or propanamine nitrogen atom.
3. (amended claim) Tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 or 2~~ characterised in that it comprises less than 0.02 % of 5-(2-(bis-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)amino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.
4. (amended claim) Tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 1 ~~claims 1 or 2~~ characterised in that it comprises less than 0.06 % of N-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethyl)-5-(2-(2-(2-ethoxyphenoxy)ethylamino)propyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide.
5. (original claim) A process for the preparation of tamsulosin hydrochloride characterised in that it comprises the reaction of R-5-(2-aminopropyl)-2-methoxybenzenesulphonamide with an excess of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-ethoxybenzene in an organic solvent.
6. (original claim) The process for the preparation of tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 5 wherein the excess of 1-(2-bromoethoxy)-2-ethoxybenzene is from about 1.2 to about 3.
7. (amended claim) The process for the preparation of tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 5 ~~any one of claims 5 -6~~ wherein said organic solvent is methanol.
8. (original claim) A process for the purification of tamsulosin hydrochloride comprising recrystallising tamsulosin hydrochloride from a solution in methanol or ethanol or a mixture of ethanol and methanol by thermal recrystallisation.
9. (original claim) A process for the purification of tamsulosin hydrochloride with less than about 90 % of the active substance wherein the contents of the active substance above

99.8 % is achieved with at most two thermal crystallisations from a mixture of methanol and ethanol.

10. (amended claim) The process for the purification of tamsulosin hydrochloride according to claim 8 ~~or 9~~ wherein recrystallisation is carried out from a mixture of methanol and ethanol in a ratio of between about 3:7 and about 7:3.

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13. (cancelled)

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